GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Policy on Religious Tours
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review its policy on religious tours in hilly regions of the country in view of the natural disasters that have occurred continuously in the hilly regions over the last few years;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any special efforts are being made to check the number of devotees for pilgrimage in these areas and provide security and medical facilities for women, children and aged persons during disaster;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the number of devotees died during various religious pilgrimages and the amount of compensation paid to their families during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism (MoT) does not have any policy/scheme on religious tours.

(c): Providing safety and security to the devotees for pilgrimage is the responsibility of concerned State/UT Governments.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): MoT does not compile any data regarding the number of devotees died during various religious pilgrimages and amount of compensation paid to their families.
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